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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claims 1, 3, 4, 9, 10 and 14 as set forth in the complete claim listing below.

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

1. (Currently Amended) An accent frame for framing an article inset within a cutout of a planar surface structure, said inset article including a finishing ring for providing a transition from said article to said planar surface structure; said accent frame comprising:

a rigid thin sheet of material larger in size than the finishing ring, said rigid thin sheet having an outer edge defining an object-shape and a convex inner edge defining an aperture having a lip for proper positioning with said cutout, said accent frame being maintained in place between and against said planar surface and said finishing ring by the pressure of said finishing ring being retained to said article wherein said cutout comprises slots and said finishing ring comprises expandable tension clips for insertion through said aperture and said slots thereby securing said frame in place between said finishing ring and about the cutout and against the structure;

whereby said accent frame serves as an aesthetically pleasing backdrop to said finishing ring and ~~serves~~ serving to cover up any imperfections in the finish or cut of the surrounding planar surface structure.

2. (Previously Presented) The accent frame of claim 1, further comprising a decorative outer edge.

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3. (Currently Amended) The accent frame of claim 1, wherein said accent frame is seated flush with said planar surface ~~structure~~.

4. (Currently Amended) The accent frame of claim 1, wherein said frame flares slightly away from ~~the structure~~ planar surface to provide an aesthetically pleasing depth or texture to the frame.

5. (Canceled)

6. (Previously Presented) The accent frame of claim 1, wherein said thin sheet of material is approximately 1 mm thick.

7. (Previously Presented) The accent frame of claim 1, wherein said article is a recessed lighting fixture.

8. (Withdrawn) The accent frame of claim 1, wherein said article is an electrical box with a screw mounted outlet or switch plate and wherein said frame is secured in place between the structure and the outlet or switch plate.

9. (Currently Amended) The accent frame of claim 1, wherein said planar surface ~~structure~~ is a surface selected from the group consisting of a ceiling, wall and or floor.

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10. (Currently Amended) The accent frame of claim 1, wherein said frame is constructed of a rigid material selected from the group consisting of wood, metal ~~or~~ and plastic materials.

11. (Previously Presented) The accent frame of claim 1, wherein said frame is formed by injection molding.

12. (Canceled)

13. (Previously Presented) The accent frame of claim 1, wherein said frame is both decorative and covers up any imperfections in the edges of the cutout not covered by the finishing ring.

14. (Previously Presented) The accent frame of claim 1, wherein said object-shape is a closed form selected from the group consisting of a star, flower, ~~or~~ and house.